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Consul General Nanclares
Argentine Consulate
870 Market Street
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Re: Mauricio Alberto Poltarak
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Dear Consul General Nanclares:

Yesterday, Anne Ogonowski, a staff member of the Commission on Social Justice, called your office to inquire about Mauricio Alberto Poltarak who was picked up in Buenos Aires on or about July 21, 1978. She was told she would be contacted with further information when your own inquiries to the Argentine Ambassador have been answered.

I take this opportunity to underscore our interest in and concern for Mauricio Poltarak, especially since we understand that the home of his parents has been broken into. We want to know where he is, what his condition is, under whose authority he was arrested, and what he is being charged with.

We appreciate your bringing this concern to the attention of the Argentine Ambassador so promptly and hope this is indicative of the Argentine government's sincerity in protecting and safeguarding the human rights of its citizens.

We are also concerned about the immediate implementation of the Hemispheric Parole Program and have asked that U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young be directed to bring this to the attention of U.N. General Secretary Kurt Waldheim so that he can discuss this with Pres. Jorge Videla when they meet in Buenos Aires the end of this week.

Again, thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter. We look forward to your early reply.

Sincerely yours,

Msgr. James B. Flynn

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cc: ✓ Ms. Patricia Derian, Assistant Secretary
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